

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 17, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The claims, as amended above and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-22 are submitted for consideration.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that the text of claim 18 was not properly shown. Applicant now includes the text of claim 18 in its entirety. Accordingly, consideration of the claims in view of the previously submitted Remarks is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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